

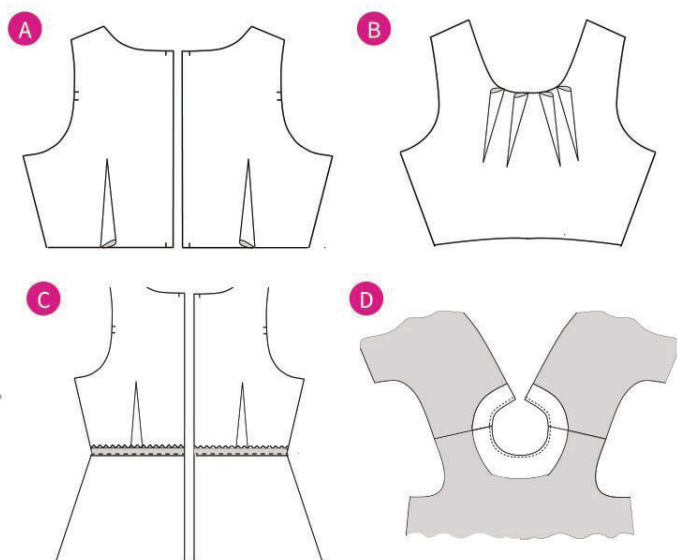
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STYLE



Meet **MICHELLE**

The Michelle Dress from Simple Sew Patterns features a clever series of tucks at the neckline to create a fabulously flattering shape

Project **CLAIRE GARSIDE** www.simplesew.com



MATERIALS & TOOLS:

- 3m of 45"-wide or 2.3m of 60"-wide fabric such as lightweight cotton, satin, crepe, viscose, chambray & silk
- co-ordinating thread
- templates downloaded from www.craftworld.com/cms/love-sewing

NOTES:

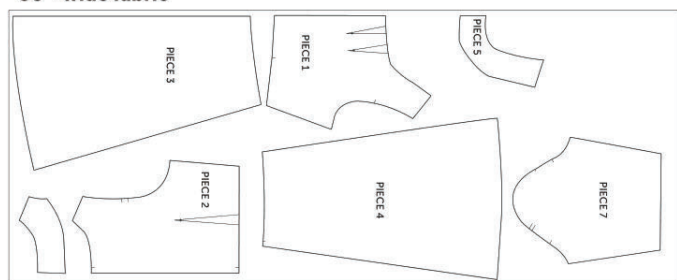
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HOW TO MAKE

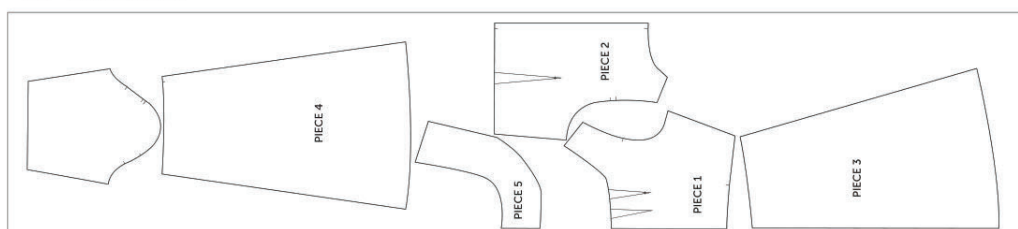
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60"-wide fabric



FOLD

45"-wide fabric



FOLD

SIZING

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Press towards centre back. (See Pic A.)

- 2 On the front bodice, stitch neckline darts in place. Press towards centre front. (See Pic B.) You can top-stitch a couple of mm from the dart seam in a contrasting colour to highlight the darts further.
- 3 With RST attach left back bodice to the back skirt and press seam upwards. Repeat for right back bodice and skirt. (See Pic C.)

- 4 RST attach the front

Shopping list

Fine Scuba Stretch Knit Fabric,
£8.99 www.minerva.com

bodice to front skirt. Press the seams upwards.

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- 6 RST attach front and back dress together at the shoulder seams. Press seams open.

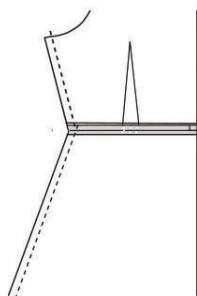
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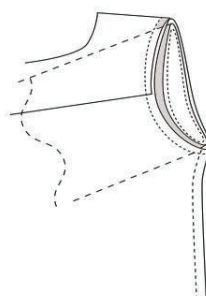
Top tip!

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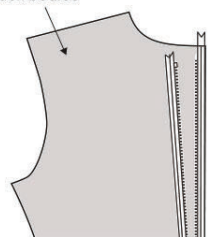


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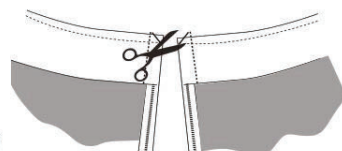
G

RS back bodice



Facing out of the way

H



Zip RS down

8 With RST, join front and back dress together at the side seams, stitching from the armhole all the way down to the hem, being sure to match up the waistline. Press seams open. (See Pic E.)

9 With RST, sew the sleeve seam. Press seam open and then turn up hem and stitch in place.

10 Pin sleeve RST with bodice as shown and ease sleeve in gently. Be careful not to create gathers in the sleeve head, distribute the ease equally on either side of

the shoulder notch. Stitch sleeve in position, removing pins as you go. (See Pic F.)

11 Flip the back facing up and pin concealed zipper in place RST with the stopper sitting just below the seam

line. Hand-tack in place and then stitch using the zipper foot on your machine. Remove hand tacks.

Repeat for other side of zip,

making sure the waistline matches across the zipper and the top of the zipper is even. (See Pic G.)

12 Continue the centre-back seam below the bottom of the zipper to the hem. Press seam open.

13 Flip over the facing so that it is RST with the dress and pin in place. Sew along the zipper tape through all layers.

14 Trim the top corner to reduce bulk and then turn the facing

through to the inside of the dress. Press neckline flat again. (See Pic H.)

15 Hem the skirt using 1.5cm seam allowance. Turn up and pin, then stitch in place. Press your hem to finish.

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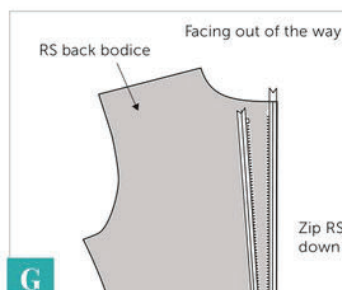
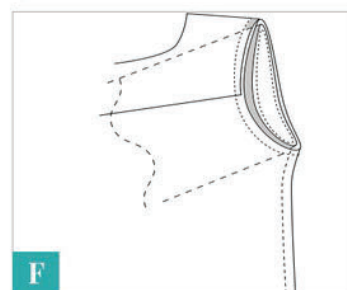
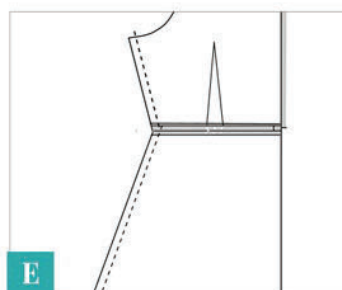
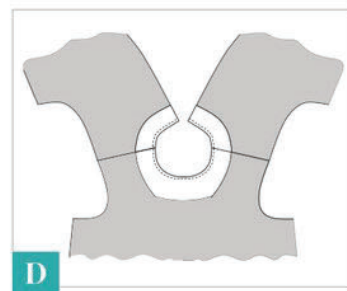
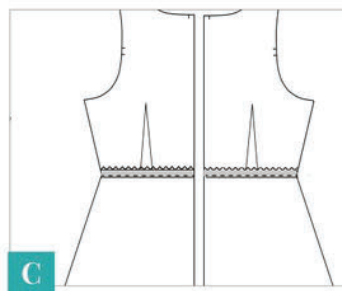
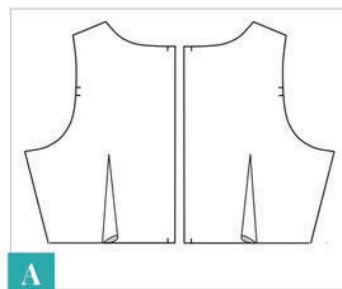
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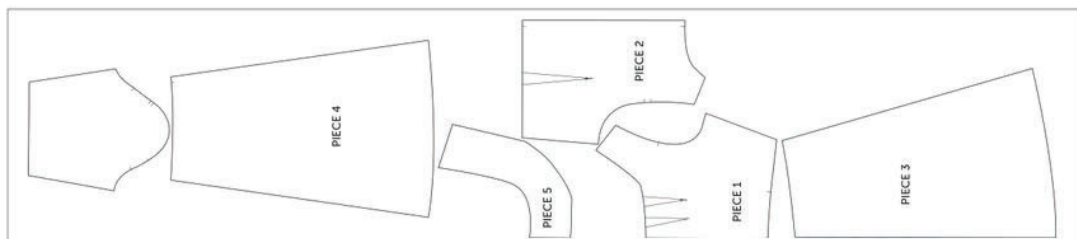
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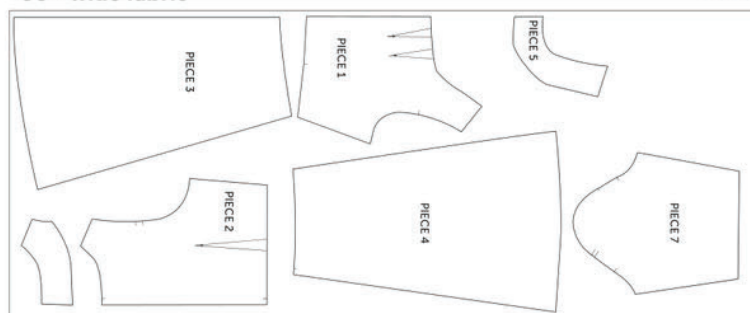
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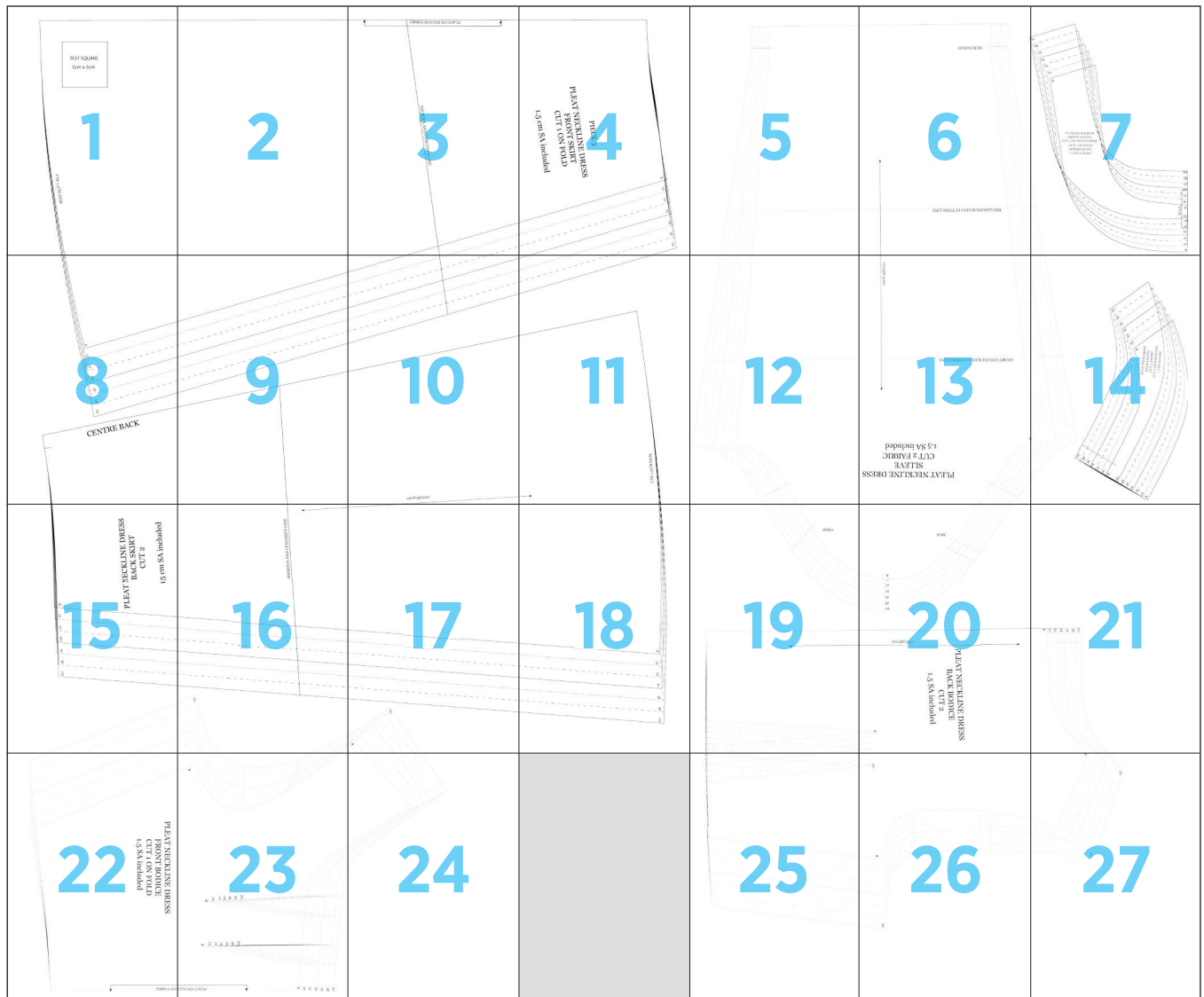
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Seize the day pleat neckline dress



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TEST SQUARE
5cm x 5cm

USE 1.5CM HEM





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PLACE ON FOLD OF FABRIC

SHORTEN AND LENGTHEN LINE

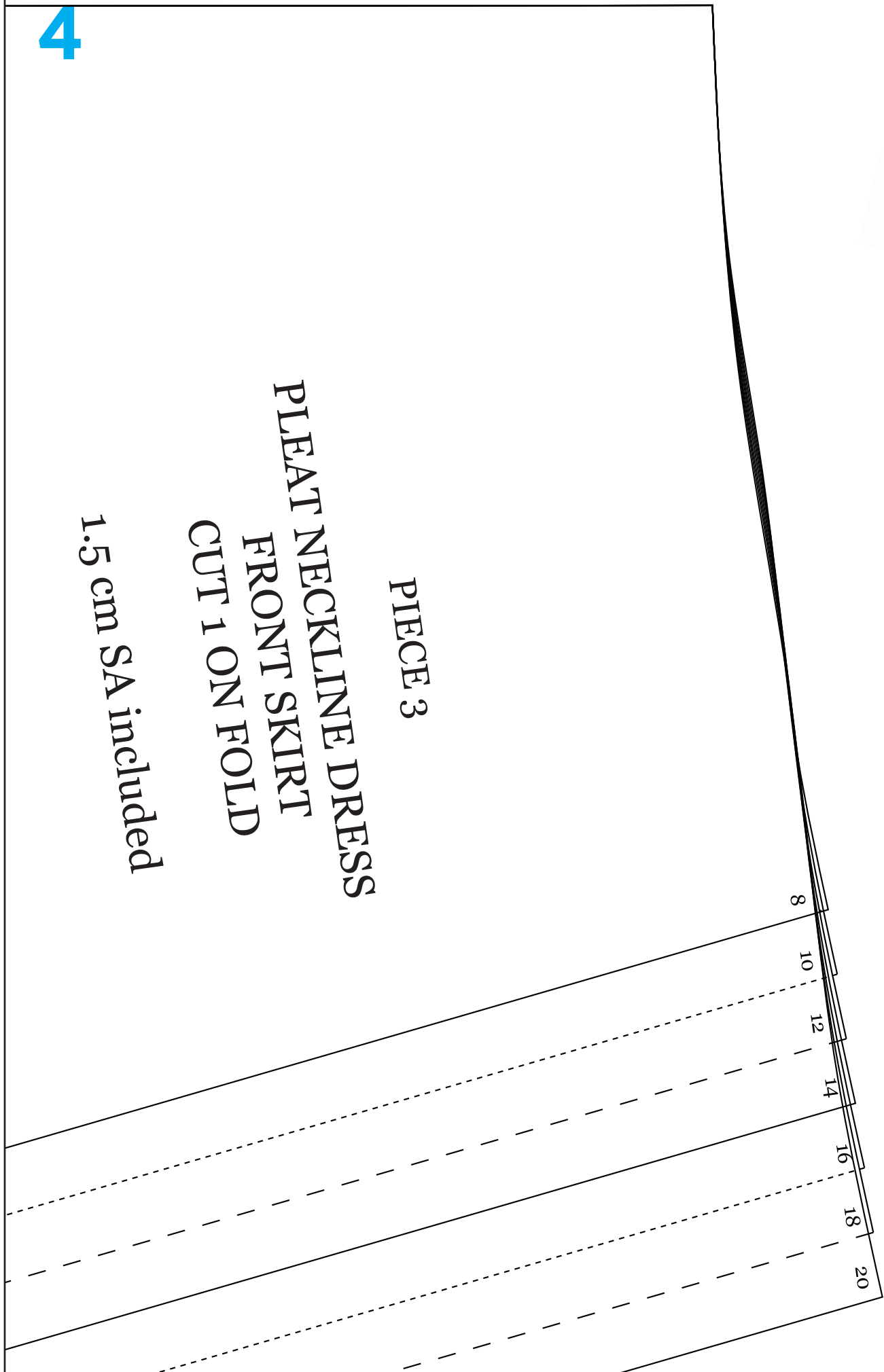




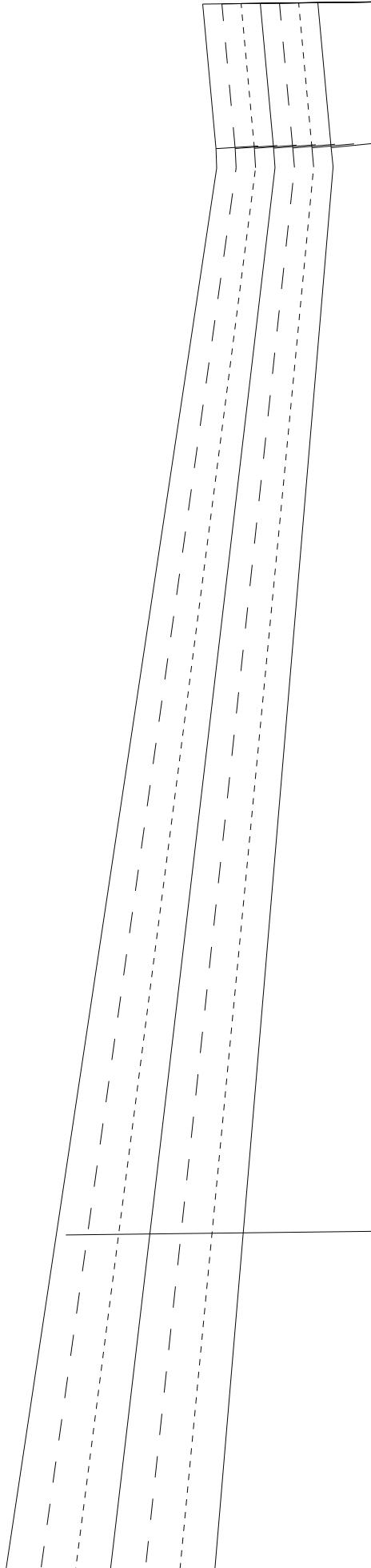
PIECE 3

PLEAT NECKLINE DRESS
FRONT SKIRT
CUT 1 ON FOLD

1.5 cm SA included



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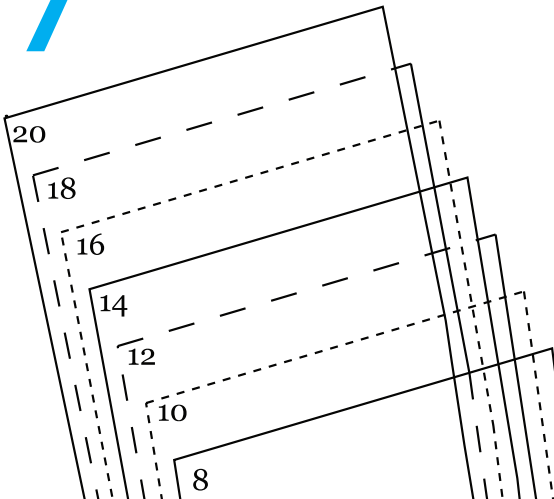
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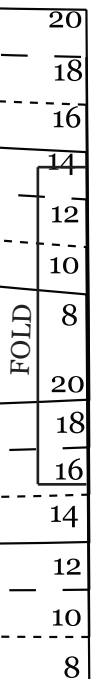
MID LENGTH SLEEVE CUTTING LINE



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TUCK NECK DRESS
FRONT FACING
CUT 1 ON FOLD FABRIC
CUT 1 ON FOLD
INTERFACING
1.5 SA included





CENTRE BACK



10



straight grain

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USE 1.5CM HEM



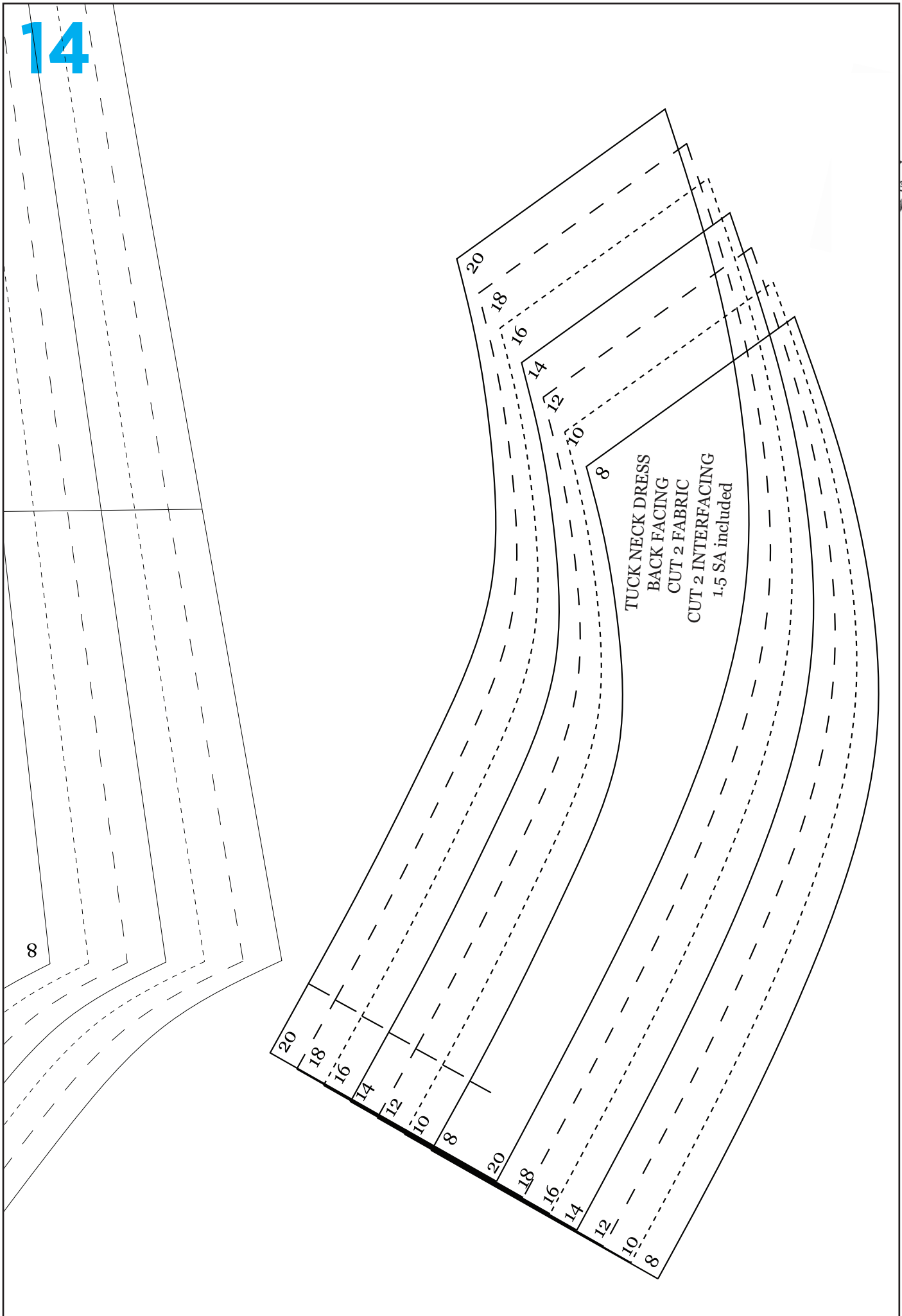


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SHORT LENGTH SLEEVE CUTTING LINE

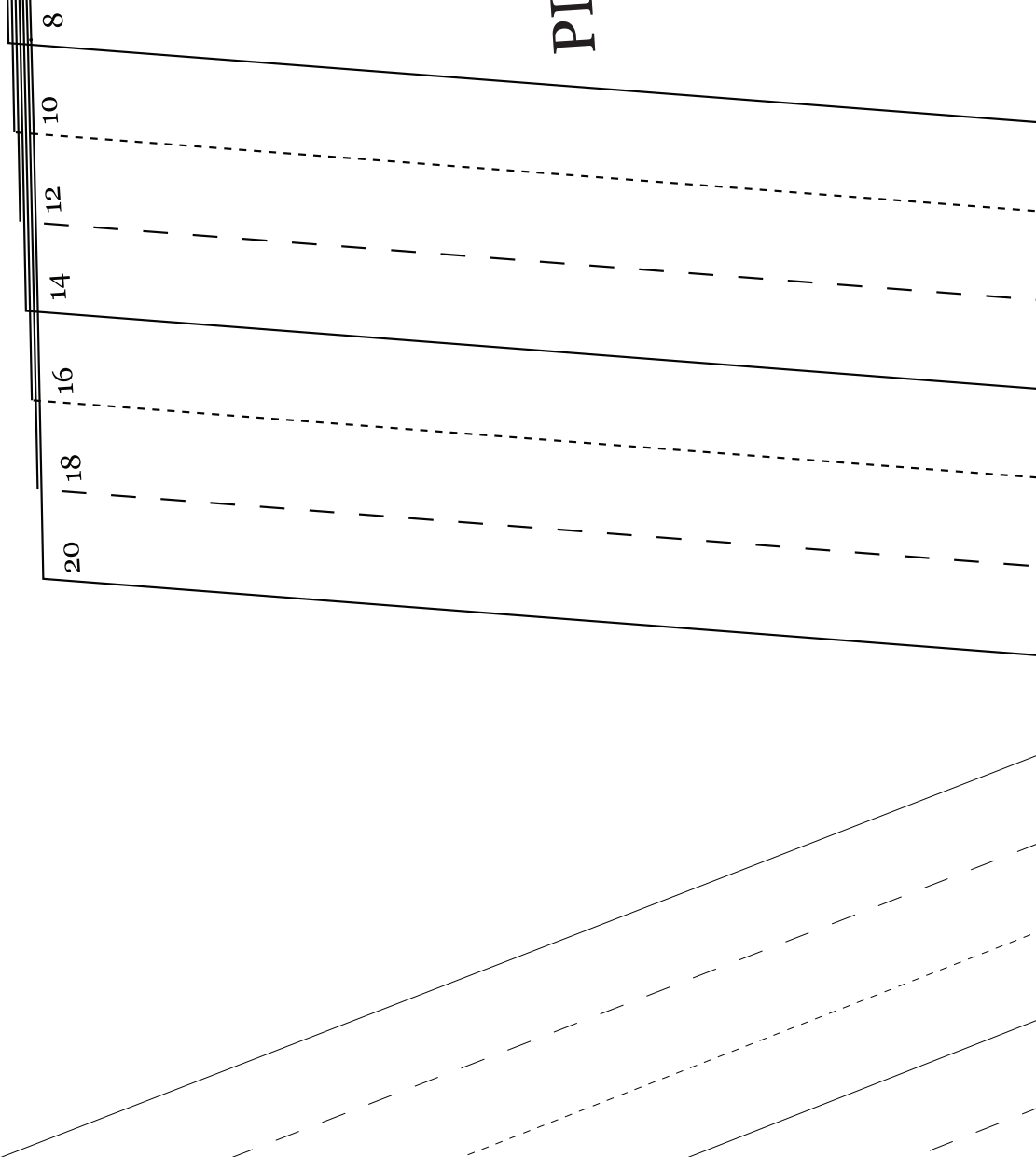
PLEAT NECKLINE DRESS
SLEEVE
CUT 2 FABRIC
1.5 SA included



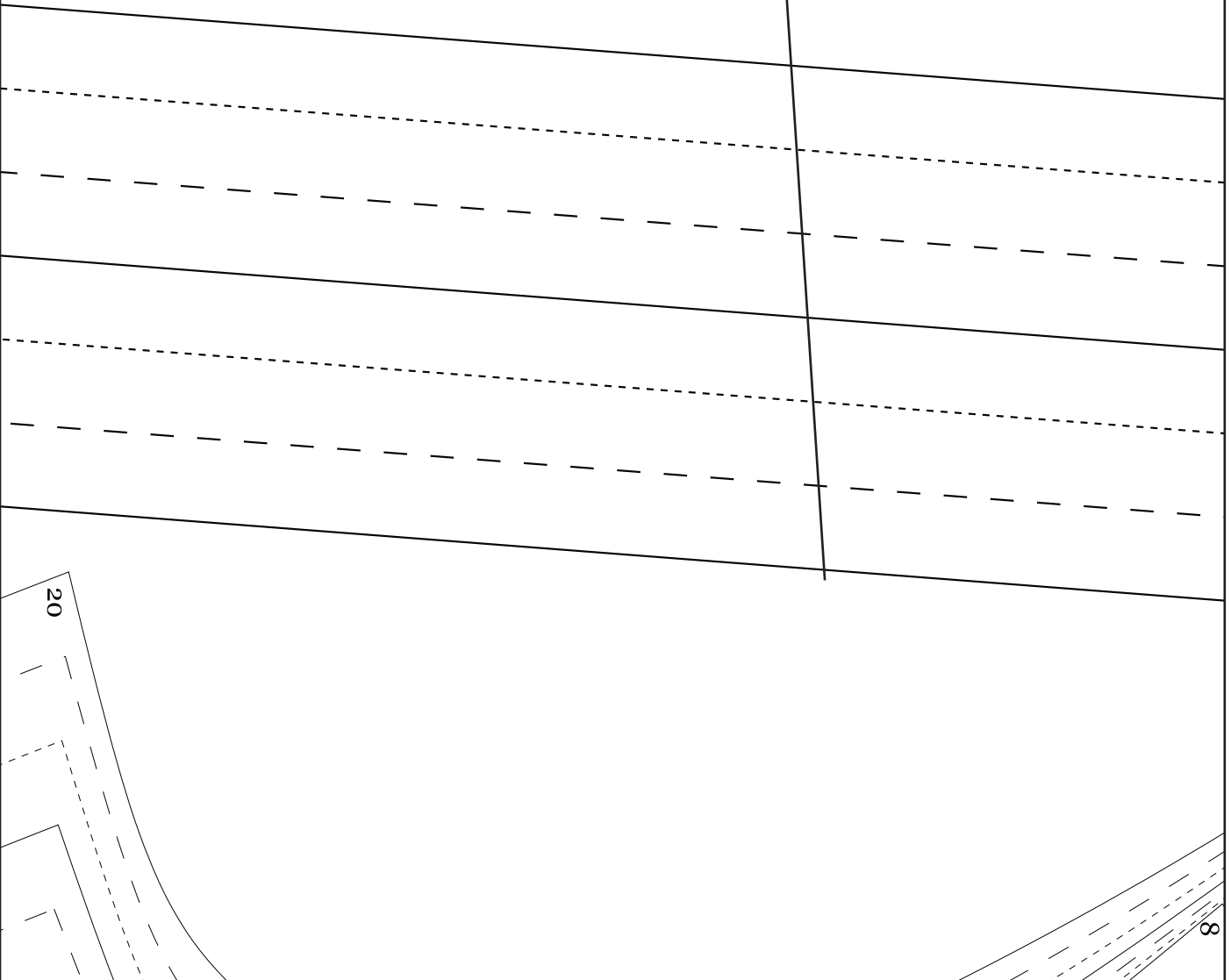


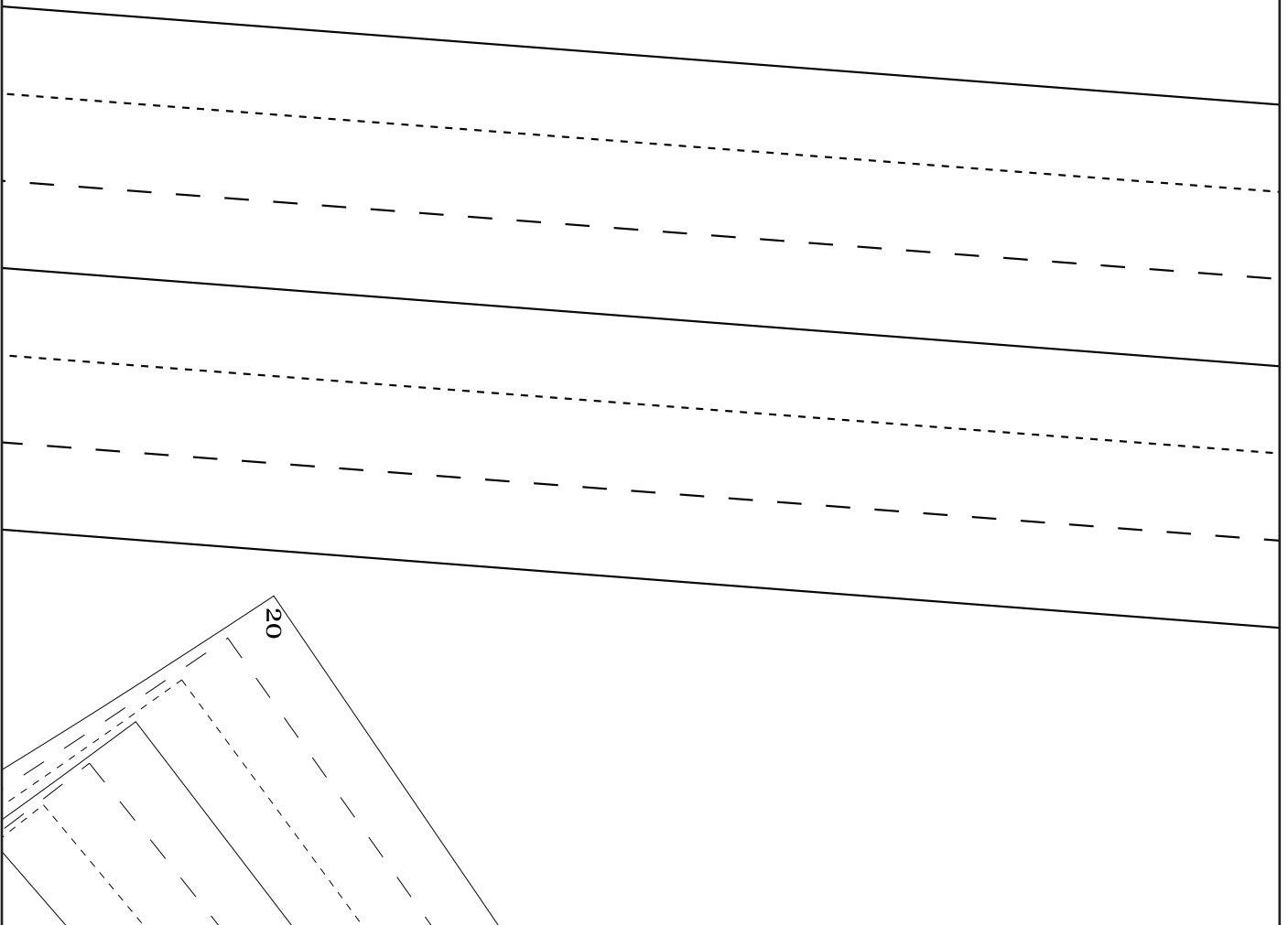
PLEAT NECKLINE DRESS BACK SKIRT CUT 2

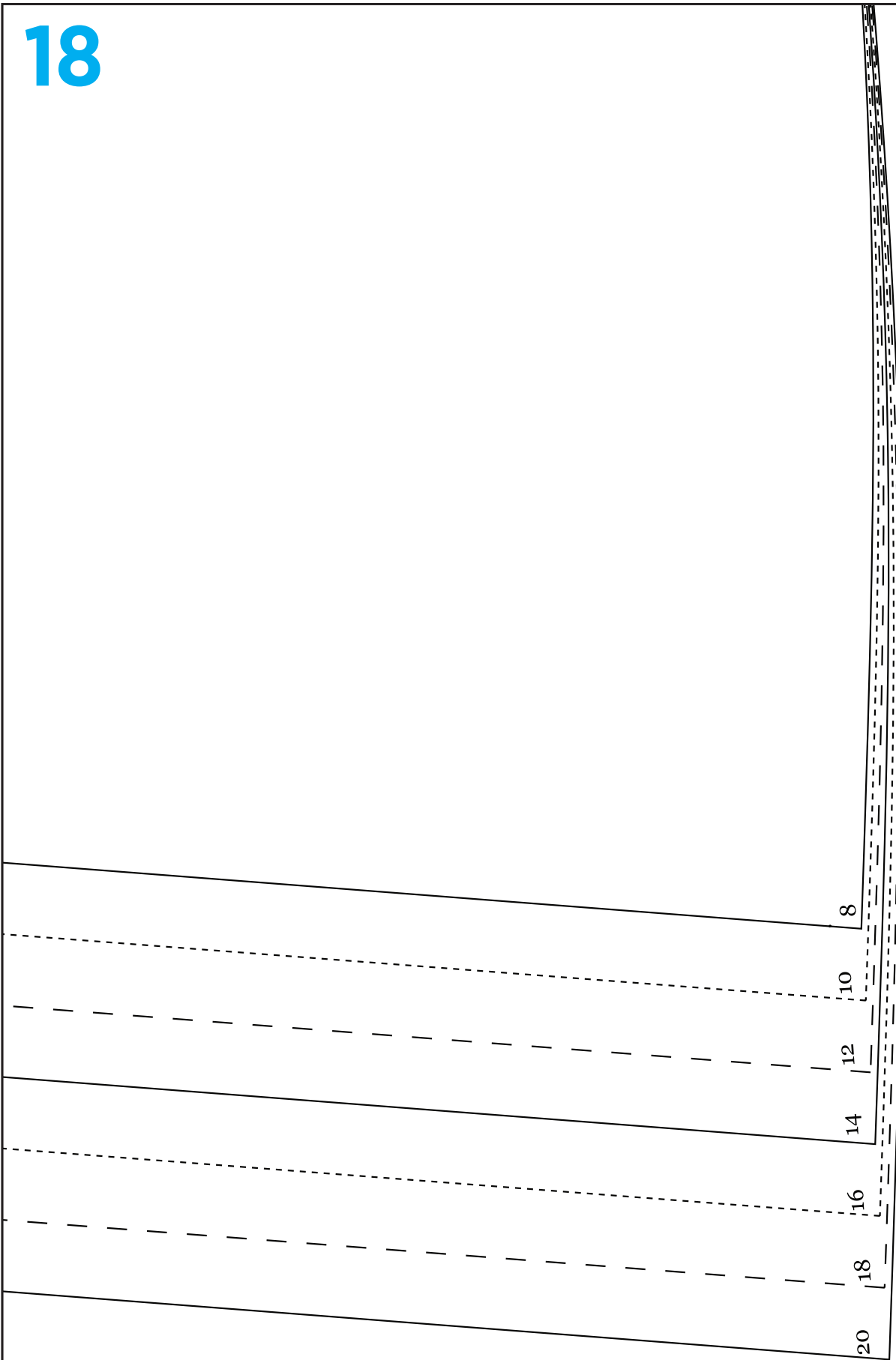
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SHORTEN AND LENGTHEN LINE







FRONT





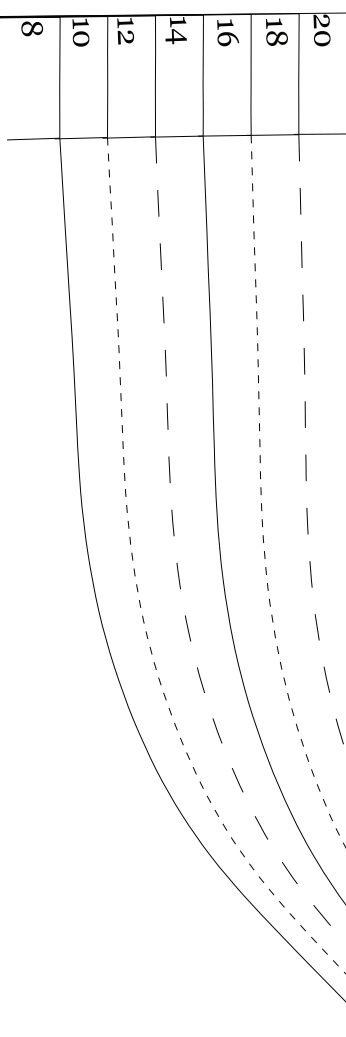
BACK

8
10
12
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16
18
20

straight grain

PLEAT NECKLINE DRESS BACK BODICE CUT 2 1.5 SA included

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**PLEAT NECKLINE DRESS
FRONT BODICE
CUT 1 ON FOLD
1.5 SA included**

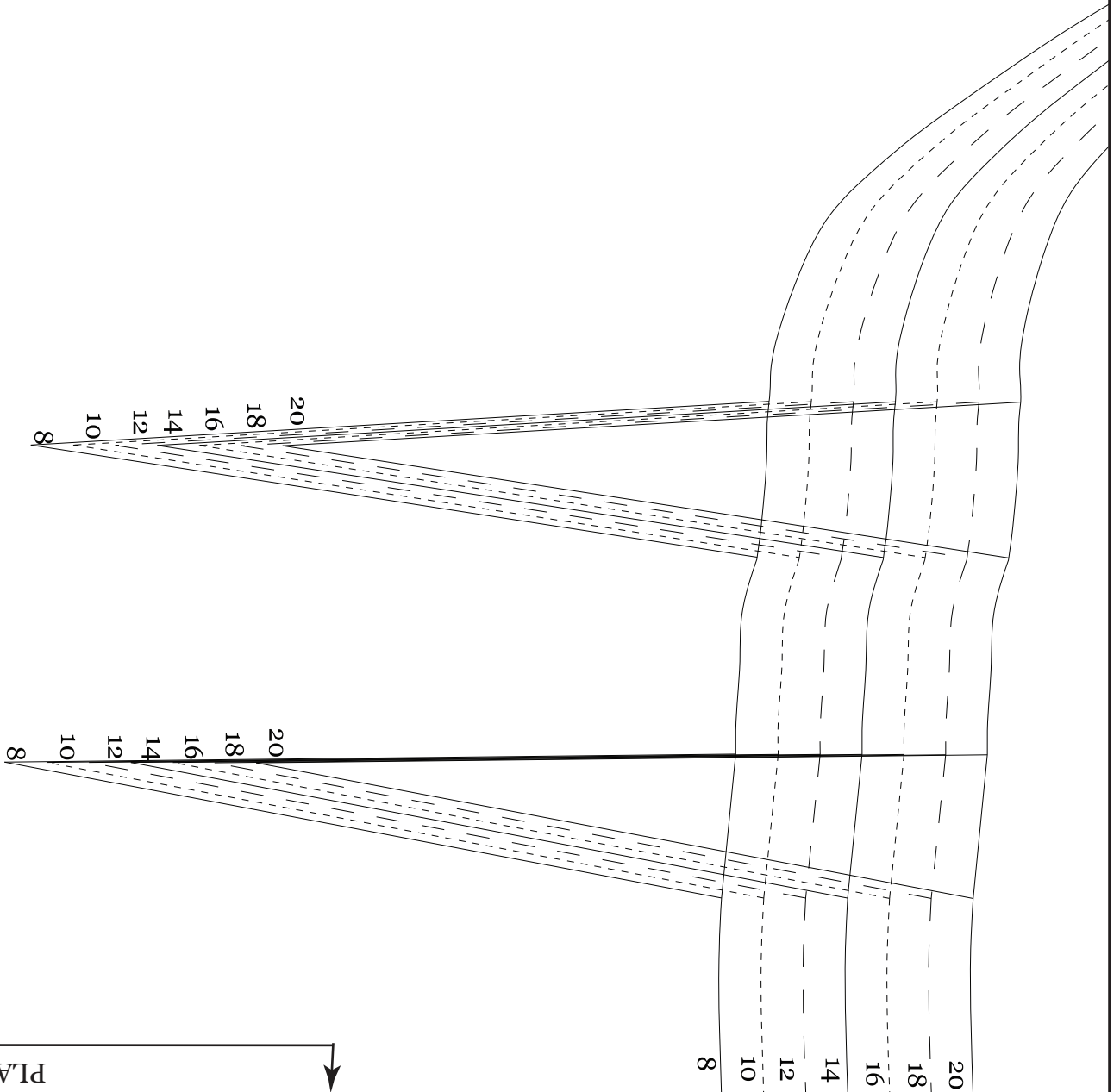
FOLD OF FABRIC





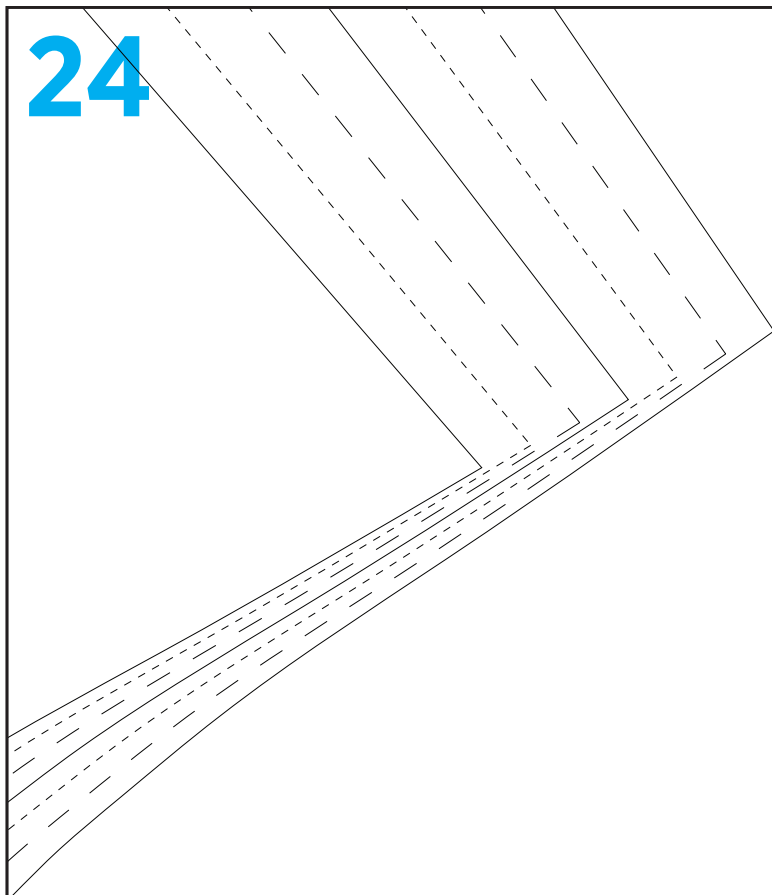
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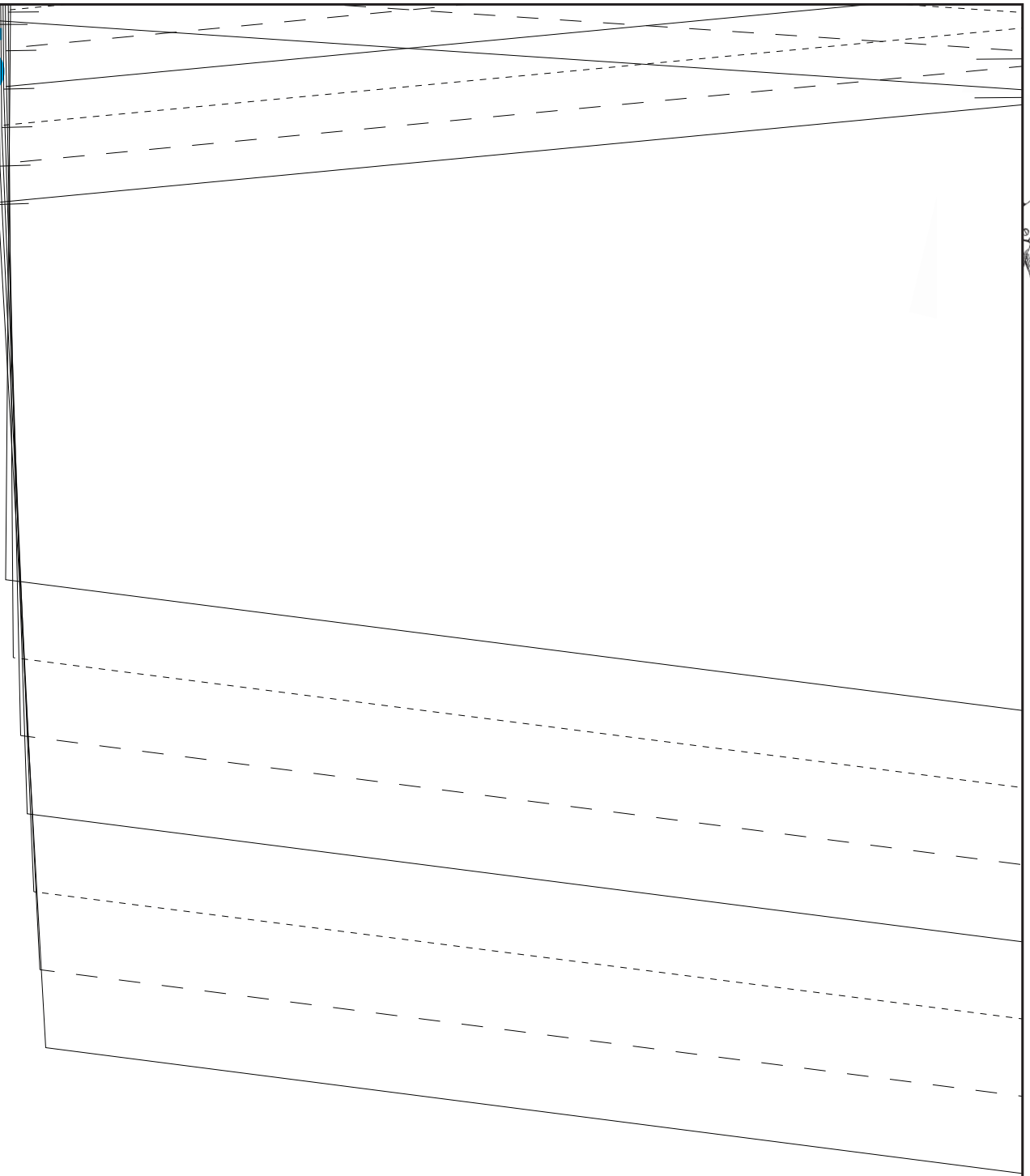
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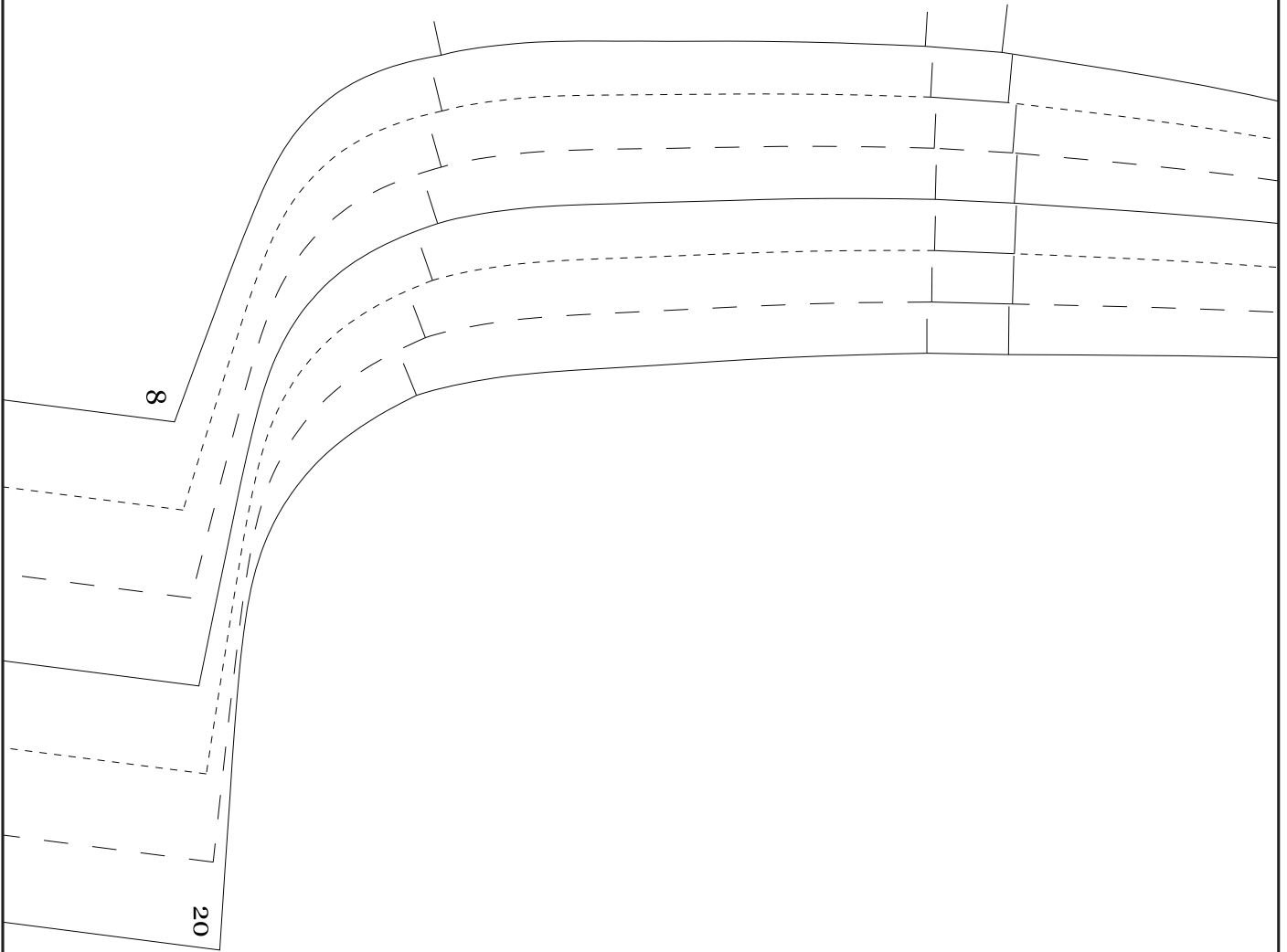


PLACE ON

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